GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SAVING OF REVENUE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was saving of Rs. 1503.99 crores in Capital (Vote

(d) on account of shortfall in installation of manual telephone exchanges, less procurement of apparatus, cables, line and wires, shortfall in provision/installation of Village Panchayat telephones due to discarding of Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) technology, delay in finalisation of land acquisition and completion of building works; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Surrender of funds for an amount of Rs. 1503.99 crores was projected for the year 1998-99 under MH-05225 Capital Outlay (Plan) but actually the savings were Rs. 1414.66 crores, Mainly the savings of funds was under Long Distance Transmission System. The savings occurred due to less receipt of equipment, non finalisation of land deals, less completion of Building works and installation of lesser VPTs than targetted.

(b) The system of assessing of requirement of funds under Capital Outlay (Plan) is now streamlined through regular monitoring, based on which the Department was able to improve the situation vastly and there was no savings/surrender of funds during the year 1999-2000.